

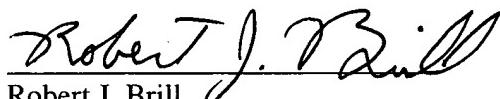


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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner, dated November 5, 2003, that finally rejects claims 1 and 3-30, and Claim 2 is cancelled in the above-captioned matter.

The fee for this Notice of Appeal is \$330.00 under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge this \$330.00 fee to **Deposit Account No. 50-1941**. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account No. 50-1941**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

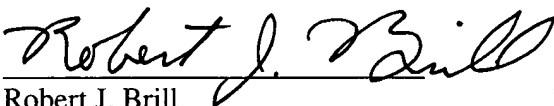
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